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RE: Support for Lower Lost Creek Flow Enhancement

I would like to offer my general support for the lower Lost Creek flow enhancement project proposed by the Clark Fork Coalition. Based on recent studies conducted by FWP in coordination with the Natural Resource Damage Program, Lost Creek has been identified as a priority stream for improving summer stream flows. It is a major tributary to the upper Clark Fork River with the lower reaches providing important spawning and rearing habitat for brown trout and native fish species including mountain whitefish, longnose sucker, and sculpin. The lower reaches of the stream are extremely dewatered in most years, and the fishery has suffered in this segment as a result. Enhancing stream flows is very important in this reach of the stream. I encourage you to support this application as it will help in establishing a more permanent in-stream flow lease in a priority stream in the Upper Clark Fork. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Jason Lindstrom
Upper Clark Fork Fisheries Biologist
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